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SUBJECT: LABOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM: FY77 SOHYO URBAN STUDIES TEAM
PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

REF: TOKYO 5327

1. BACKGROUND: TEAM COMPOSED OF TWO SECRETARIES GENERAL
AND TWO OTHDR HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS, IS HIGHEST-LEVEL TEAM
FROM SOHYO'S PUBLIC SECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN LABOR EXCHANGE
PROGRAM IN AT LEAST TEN YEAR

1.PARTICIPATION BY NIKKYOSO

AND JICHIRO REFLECTS EFFORTS OF NEW SOHYO PRESIDENT MAKIEDA
TO ENCOURGE GREATER CONTACTS BETWEEN SOHYO AND AFL-CIO.
PROJECT ORIGINATED WITH TOSHIKOTSU (MUNICIPAL TRANSPORT
WORKERS) OFFICIALS, WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED FOR SOME YEARS
IN LEP, BUT THEY WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT FROM
NIKKYOSO AND JICHIRO TO PARTICIPATE ONLY AFTER LATTER
RECEIVED PERSONAL LETTERS FROM AFT PRESIDENT SHANKER AND
AFSCME PRESIDENT WURF, RESPECTIVELY.

2. OBJECTIVES: 1) STRENGTHENING TIES WITH AMERICAN
COUNTERPART UNIONS. 2) UNDERSTANDING MAJOR U.S. URBAN
PROBLEMS OF RELEVANCE TO JAPAN, SUCH AS MASS TRANSIT,
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HOUSING, EDUCATION, WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE, SEWAGE
DISPOSAL, POLLUTION, SOCIAL WELFARE, FINANCIAL
DIFFICULTIES OF CITIES, JOB SECURITY OF STATE AND
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS SOLUTIONS TO THESE
PROBLEMS BEING OFFERED BY U.S. UNIONS, POLITICIANS,
URBANOLOGISTS. 3) UNDERSTANDING AND EXCHANGING VIEWS
ON CURRENT ISSUES IN U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS SUCH AS

ENERGY, NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE.

3. IN CONTEXT OBJECTIVE 1) VISITS TO HEADQUARTERS
AFT, AFSCME, ATU, TWU, UTU, BRAC, UTILITY WORKERS
UNION AND NEW YORK SANITATION WORKERS AS APPROPRIATE.
IN ADDITION, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, URBAN AFFAIRS AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF AFL-CIO
AS WELL AS MEETING WITH AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ERNIE LEE. KUBO WISHE APPOINT-
MENT WITH BRAC VICE PRESIDENT JACK OTERO AND NAKAKOJI
WISHES TO MEET NEA REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS AFT
BECAUSE NIKKYOSO MAINTAINS "FRATERNAL RELATIONS"
WITH BOTH ORGANIZATIONS. NAKAKOJI ALSO WISHES
ATTEND AFT-IFFTU CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON MAY 3-5.
IMPORTANT FOR NAKAKOJI AND TAKEBAYASHI TO MEET (IF
ONLY BRIEFLY) AND HAVE PICTURE TAKEN WITH SHANKER AND
WURF, RESPECTIVELY, IN VIEW PERSONAL LETTERS OF
INITIATION RECEIVED FROM THEM. SUGGEST TEAM VISIT
BALTIMORE DURING OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER WASHINGTON
STAY TO MEET AFSCME REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT ERNEST
CROFOOT, WHO VISITED JAPAN LAST FALL. IN NEW HORK,
SUGGEST VISIT TO AFSCME LOCAL 37. IF GROUP VISITS
WISCONSIN, SUGGEST MEEHING WITH WISCONSIN STATE AFL-
CIO EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT JOSEPH GRUBER, WHO
RECENTLY HAD SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM IN JAPAN (TOKYO 5401).

4. IN CONTEXT OBJECTIVE 2), MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON
AT HUD, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE (STAFFER GOULD
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FAMILIAR WITH JAPANESE UNION SITUATION), WASHINGTON
METRO AUTHORITY. DISCUSSION AFL-CIO URBAN AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR HENRY SCHECHTER (TEAM FAMILIAR
WITH HIS ARTICLE IN RECENT ISSUE OF "FEDERATIONSIST").
SUGGEST CALLS ON URBANOLOGISTS WHO HAVE RECENTLY
VISITED JAPAN AND ARE FAMILIAR WITH JAPANESE
CONCERNS (URBAN AREAS ONE OF POST'S TOP-PRIORITY
FIELDS). RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT WITH NEIL PIERCE,
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR, NATIONAL JOURNAL (WASHINGTON);
URBAN AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, BROOKINGS INSTITUTE;
SYLVIA FAVA, CHAIRMAN, INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROGRAM ON
URBAN STUDIES, BROOKLYN COLLEGE, JOHN FAVA, NEW YORK

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MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE CORPORATION; NEW YORK ARCHITECT
ANDHPLANNER, RICHARD RAVICH; RICHARD MEIER, PROFESSOR,
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN, UCLA (AND EXPERT ON TOKYO'S
URBAN PROBLEMS); CALVIN HAMILTON, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING,
CITY OF LOS ANELES; EDWARD WEIDNER, CHANCELLOR,
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AT GREEN BAY (ALSO TRUSTEE
OF UN UNIVERSITY HEADQUARTES IN TOKYO AND
SPECIALIST IN INNOVATIVE EDUCATION). SUGGEST GROUP
TRAVEL FROM WASHINGTON TO NEW YORK BY AMTRAK, VISIT
NEW YORK PORT AUTHORITY AND IF PROCEEDING TO KENNEDY
AIRPORT, TAKE HELICOPTER FROM PAN AM BUILDING TO
AIRPORT. IN NEW YORK, IF TIME PERMITS, TEAM SHOULD
VISIT WATERSIDE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING
LOOK AT UN SCHOOL AND ITS TEACHING METHODS);
ROOSEVELT ISLAND DEVELOPMENT, AND SOUTH BRONX OR
OTHER URBANPROBLEM AREA AS WELL, ALSO
NEW YORK, JAPAN SOCIETY DEPUTY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RUENITZ MAY WISH TO MEET TEAM
AND MIGHT HAVE ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS IN
URBAN AFFAIRS AREA. IF WISCONSIN VISIT SCHEDULED,
SUGGEST APPOINTMENTS AT UNIVERSITYOF WISCONSIN,
MADISON, WITH PROFESSORS SOL LEVINE, JACK
BARBASH (SCHEDULED TO VISIT JAPAN THIS SUMMER) AND/OR
EVERETT KASSALOW.

5. TEAM MEMBERS, AS LEADERS OF PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS,
ALSO ACTIVE MEMBERS OF JAPANSOCIALIST PARTY,
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PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION PARTY HERE. THEREFORE, RECOMMEND
MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON
TO DISCUSS CURRENT KEY ISSUES IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS,
SUCH AS TRADE, ENERGY AND NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT.
FYI: SOHYO AND JSP OPPOSE JAPANESE DEVELOPMENT OF
REPROCESSING FACILITIES AND GENERALLY TAKE DIM VIEW

OF DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC POWER AS ENERGY SOURCE.
END FYI.

6. IN VIEW ABOVE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS, TEAM WISHES
TO VISIT WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, NEW ORLEANS,
SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES AND WILL ACCEPT ANY
OTHER CITIES, SUCH AS MADISON AND/OR GREEN BAY,
WISCONSIN SUGGESTED BY PROGRAM OFFICIALS. POST
BELIEVES VISIT TO GREEN BAY OR OTHER SMALLER AMERICAN
COMMUNITY WOULD PROVIDE IDEAL BALANCE IN ITINERARY
WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD BE LIMITED ONLY TO BIG
CITIES. ALL MEMBERS OF TEAM VISITING U.S. FOR
FIRST TIME,EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE TRAVELED ABROAD
BEFORE, PRINCIPALLY TO WESTERN EUROPE, SOVIET UNION,
BLOC COUNTRIES AND PRC.
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